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SUBJECT: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING: MAY 9

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1. CHAIRMAN DADZIE OPENED MAY 9 MEETING OF AD HOC COMMITTEE BY NOTING THE GROWING FRUSTRATION OF MEMBERS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO AGREEMENT ON ANY SIGNIFICANT RESTRUCTURING PROPOSAL, AND, IN FACT, IN RECENT MEETINGS SOME OF THE PREVIOUS AREAS OF AGREEMENT HAD COME UNGLUED. WITHOUT ATTACHING BLAME TO ANY COUNTRY OR GROUP OF COUNTRIES, CHAIRMAN DADZIE SUGGESTED THAT THE ONLY CONCLUSION TO BE DRAWN WAS THAT MEMBERS FELT THAT EXISTING UN STRUCTURES TO BE ADEQUATE, IF SO, THE COMMITTEE SHOULD PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE THIS. HE SAID THAT IF THEY DISAGREED IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO EXAMINE THE POLITICAL -STRUCTURAL CONSTRAINTS AND PERHAPS TO DEVISE A NEW STRUCTURE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE. WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER, CHAIRMAN DADZIE INDICATED THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (I.E. FROM ONE CHAIRMAN TO ANOTHER).

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2. IN RESPONSE TO DADZIE'S STATEMENT, KEY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CURRENT EXERCISE WAS GETTING NO PLACE AND THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO REVIEW THE WORK PROCEDURES OF THE COMMITTEE, US REPRESENTATIVE (KITCHEN) STATED THAT THE USG ATTACHES THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO SUCCESSFUL RESTRUCTURING WHICH WOULD LEAD TO A STRONG, UNIFIED UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM. HE STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD NOT

ADDRESSED THE UNDERLYING PREOCCUPATIONS OF GOVERNMENTS AND THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY THESE PREOCCUPATIONS BE THEY POLITICAL, PERSONNEL, OR ORGANIC. HE SAW MERIT IN INFORMAL EXCHANGES LEADING TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF MUTUAL INHIBITIONS AND INDICATED THAT THE USG WAS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE.

3. THE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED TO PERMIT GROUP CONSULTATIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE AFTERNOON. THE NEXT SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF MAY 10 TO DISCUSS PROCEDURAL OPTIONS. ALL DELEGATIONS WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR APPEAL TO DADZIE NOT TO ABANDON THE EXERCISE.

4. COMMENT USUN CONSULTATED WITH CHAIRMAN DADZIE AND OTHER KEY DELEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE SCENARIO DESCRIBED ABOVE. IN OUR VIEW THE KEY QUESTION NOW IS TO DEVISE AN INFORMAL PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD PERMIT COUNTRIES TO UNVEIL THEIR BOTTOM-LINE POSITIONS. REFTEL AND PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED ADEQUATE INITIAL GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO THIS IMMEDIATE QUESTION. HOWEVER, IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS, WE WILL NEED CLEAR INDICATION OF THE USG BOTTOM LINE.
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